

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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In the case of access via an investing company website 102, the barterer uses a computer such as a personal computer 108, a portable computer ~~116~~ 117 or a wireless hand-held computer with Internet capability 112 to select a "Barter" icon 103 that incorporates a link 104 to the barter website 106. Once the icon is selected, the trader's investing company account information is transferred via a link 104 to the barter website 106. In this manner, the barter website 106 is produced with all of the relevant particulars of each item owned by the individual trader. For example, in the case of bonds, the website 106 preferably includes the entity that issued bonds, amount of bonds, market value, interest date and due date data. In the case of stocks, the barter website 106 preferably includes data indicating company, number of shares, market value and whether dividends are reinvested. Using the link 104, the barter website 106 is transparent to a barterer accessing it via the investing company website 102.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Q2 Regardless of the items bartered, the barter website 106 comprises three main components: a barter ordering module 105, a posted barter order database module ~~117~~ 116 and a barter matching engine 118. Optionally, the system 100 may include a separate database (not shown) of each individual's portfolio for all securities. In general, the barter ordering module 105 permits a trader, herein referred to as the barterer, to create a barter order that includes the item to be traded, the item desired and additional parameters related to the barter order.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Q3 Figure 2 illustrates a typical stock and/or Himmelstein Option for stock and/or Himmelstein Option barter transaction involving sample posted barter orders 204-224 stored in a database 216 of module 116 and a sample barterer's barter order 226. In this example, the barter order includes the stock to be bartered indicated by stock symbol 228, the quantity 230 of the stock to be bartered, the value 232 at which the barterer is willing to barter, the desired stock 234 indicated by stock symbol, the value 236 the barterer is willing to barter for the desired stock, and an "\*" indicating the ownership of the Himmelstein Option for the stock instead of ownership of the stock itself. Preferably, the settlement date(s) are displayed for all Himmelstein Options. The stock values of a barter order need not be a fixed

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value. For example, values identified for several of the posted barter orders 204, 208, 212, 218-224 are based on the current market price of at least one of the respective stocks. Barterer order 226 indicates that the barterer has 45 shares 230 of Dupont stock (stock symbol DD) 228 which the barterer is willing to trade at a value of \$20 per share 232 for Aetna stock (stock symbol AET) 234 at a value of \$90 per share 236. If the matching criteria is set to match only the barterer's acquire item selection (including Himmelstein Options for the item), orders 204, 206, 208 are displayed. If the matching criteria is set to match only the barterer's barter item selection (including Himmelstein Options for the item), orders 206, 208, ~~216~~ 217 are displayed. If the matching criteria is set to match either the barterer's barter or acquire item selection (including Himmelstein Options for the item), orders 204, 206, 208, ~~216~~ 217 are displayed. If the matching criteria is set to match both the barterer's barter and acquire item selections (including Himmelstein Options for the item), orders 206 and 208 are displayed. An order combining orders 204 and ~~216~~ 217 may also be displayed in that situation.

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Optionally, the barter value can be based upon the current stock trading price plus or minus a certain value or percentage in step 416 in Figure 4A and at

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step 511 in Figure 5B or the barter value can range around a fluctuating trading price specified as either a value amount or a percentage of the fluctuating trading price. To do this the barterer selects a range around the fluctuating stock value as illustrated in Figure 5B at 512, 518. The range can be a value amount 514, 517 or a percentage of the fluctuating trading price 516, 519. By selecting boxes 512 or 518, the barterer selects whether the range is added to or subtracted from the fluctuating value. For example, if the range was set to plus 1 percent at step 416 (by selecting box 512 and entering 1% in box 516) and the market price for IBM stock to be bartered, at the time of the barter transaction was \$115 per share, a posted barter order with a value price between \$115 and \$116.15 would match the barterer's order. A barterer may issue a Himmelstein Option to barter away IBM stock as low as minus 9 percent of the \$115 IBM market price by checking box 518 and entering 9% at box 519 so that a posted barter order with a value price between \$104.65 and \$115 would match the barterer's order.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The "day only" options means that the barter order can be posted to the posted barter database only until the end of the day. Thereafter, the barter order are is expunged from the posted barter order database. The "good until canceled"

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option means that the barter order remains posted to the posted barter order database until it is canceled by the barterer. If the "fill or kill" timing option is selected, the entire quantity must be filled or the barter order is canceled. With "fill or kill" timing, the barter order is not be added to the posted barter order database, but the database is searched for a match. Similarly, a barter order is not added to the posted barter order database if the "immediate or cancel" timing is selected. In this case, a posted barter order for only part of the barterer's quantity matches the barterer's order. The last timing option, "only view the current posts", never adds the barter order to the posted barter order database. Instead, the barter matching engine 118 displays the current matches found in the posted barter order database.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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If the individual decides that they are willing to barter away some or all of their selected portfolio stock/Himmelstein option for one or more barter orders listed, they select to do so at step 458, of Figure 4D (or as long as they have more barter amount available) by simply clicking on each order, (i.e. choosing first preference then second preference, and so on). Each time an order is chosen, the system 100 permits/requires the individual to revise their original quantity, and value price in the stock/Himmelstein option for which they desire to trade away in

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the barter, thereby requiring the individual to accept the prices and the amount of stock/Himmelstein option received in return from the barter order that they had selected. When a posted order is chosen, the system 100 enters the corresponding information in a table on the screen to notify the individual of the transaction number, number of "shares trading away" with item price, number of "shares receiving" with item price and barter amount with totals at bottom of the table as reflected in screen table 620 of Figure 6. For cash and web barter dollars, the fields which are not applicable remain blank. Optimally, the system may display in 620, the after date and before date for Himmelstein Options being acquired or bartered.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 53, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Preferably, the barter value is based upon the asking price of the real estate. Optionally, the system 1100 may determine a "market value" based upon new methods or procedures. The barterer can then select a range (i.e. plus or minus a certain value or percentage), in step 1416 in Figure 14A and at ~~step~~ 1511 in Figure 15B or if the barter item is a security, the barter value can fluctuate based on the current trading price. The barterer selects this range as illustrated in Figure 15B at 1512, 1518.

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